



National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2026

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2026 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held from Wednesday 11 - Monday 23 March. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During the test window, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days.

Year 5 students will complete the tests within their normal classes during the testing window. Year 7 and 9 will complete tests in Year groups and the schedule will be as follows:

Year 7:

Year 7	DAY 1 Wednesday 11 March	DAY 2 Thursday 12 March	DAY 3 Friday 13 March	DAY 4 Monday 16 March	DAYS 5 - 9 Tuesday 17 – Monday 23 March
Period 1 and 2		Year 7 Testing Catch up	Year 7 Testing Catch up	Year 7 Testing Catch up	Year 7 Testing Catch up
Period 3 and 4	Writing 42 Minutes	Reading 65 Minutes	Conventions of Language 45 Minutes	Numeracy 65 Minutes	

Year 9:

Year 9	DAY 1 Wednesday 11 March	DAY 2 Thursday 12 March	DAY 3 Friday 13 March	DAY 4 Monday 16 March	DAYS 5 - 9 Tuesday 17 – Monday 23 March
Period 1 and 2	Writing 42 Minutes	Reading 65 Minutes	Conventions of Language 45 Minutes	Numeracy 65 Minutes	Year 9 Testing Catch up
Period 3 and 4		Year 9 Testing Catch up	Year 9 Testing Catch up	Year 9 Testing Catch up	

NAPLAN continues to run in an online format in 2026. To prepare each student for NAPLAN online, the College will be running coordinated practice sessions. This will be an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the online platform and troubleshoot any issues before the official test window.

All students are required to bring a fully charged laptop along with preferably wired headphones, to avoid any Bluetooth or wireless connectivity issues that may disrupt their working time.

During the test, students will need a laptop that meets minimum specifications and has an official 'lockdown' browser installed. The College will install the lockdown browser onto student devices and then complete an audit of participant computers to ensure that the browser has been installed and is functioning correctly. If there are technical issues on the day, the College will have a limited number of computers to use which fit the specifications.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks. Additionally, exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with Mr Daniel Burton (Leader of Learning – Student Engagement, Enrichment and Diversity). Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the College Principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the National Education Standards Authority website at www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au or the National Assessment Program website at www.nap.edu.au.

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